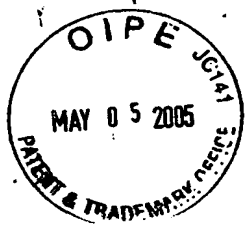


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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Sir:

These remarks are responsive to the non-final Office Action of 5 November 2004. This response is timely filed as it is being submitted together with a three-month Petition for Extension of Time, which extends the period of response to and including 5 May 2005. A Declaration under 37 CFR §1.132 ("Rule 132 Declaration") is submitted herewith as part of this response.

Written Request Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a)(3):

Please accept this authorization to treat any concurrent or future reply that requires a petition for extension of time for its timely submission as though the reply incorporates a petition for extension of time for the appropriate length of time.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 5 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.